

Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society

Trustees Meeting

September 25, 2017

Present:

Anne Vander Byl, Perry Howland, Dottie Howland, Sue Jane Evans, Peter Evans, Julie Sorrells, Sandy Zeman, Jim McCaig, Kathy McCaig, Jackie Walker, Lorraine Lewis, Lenore Youngman, Irene Bierer, Dave Froehlich, Nan Hance, Lynda Parmelee

Called to order: 6:56pm

Minutes: August 28, 2017 minutes approved as updated Peter/Lenore

Dave Froehlich:

Report on Bero Recommendations for Gates Hall.

Remediating the floor/basement used up the money raised a few years ago. Remaining issues are: The mezzanine has sagged. Roof has sagged, exterior roofline needs work. No immediate safety issues, however. There are 2 roofs and 2 roof decks which were stabilized in 1976. Cost breakdown is as follows:

1. Complete tear off of roof(s) and replace with modern trusses=Concealed steel beam in roof-\$23,000, Modern trusses-\$26,000, Roofing replaced-\$34,000
2. Mezzanine-Need a steel beam under the current wooden beam to stabilize it. -\$45,000

These fixes would not affect the exterior appearance of the building. The roof is near the end of **its** life and would be the first priority. Concerns about keeping the building historically correct were raised. Contact Sue-Jane or Dave with questions.

Officers:

Treasurer:

Homecoming had \$4776 in income and \$1936 expenses. Home Tour grossed \$10440, with \$1200 in expenses reported so far. Garage Sale grossed \$1430 with \$100 in expenses so far. Checking-\$7592.29 Lenore/Irene move we accept this report. Passed.

Correspondence:

Thank-you sent to Devin Schembri for his donation. Get well sent to Irene Bierer. Thank-you sent to Sharon Hewitt for painting the sign at the triangle. **Julie** will send a note with addresses to Linda Perkins for thank-yous from donations received this month, including James & Melody Brewer, Bette Jenkins and Nan Hance.

Vice President:

Many calls received re: Home Tour and Garage Sale. Donation received from the Brewer family who visited to research their family tree. Thanks to Nan for hosting the Brewers. House Tour was a huge success. Garage Sale-Fruit farmers are concerned about traffic issues trying to get through town during garage sale. Need more bathrooms available other than at Methodist church.

Committees:

Membership:

122 total; 95 individuals, 27 businesses. Cemetery tour ticket winners got an e-mail. Would like to update the membership form on the website. **Kathy** will send form ideas to Lorraine. Pamphlets for individual and business memberships have been created. Each new business in the town will be visited and will receive a pamphlet. 100 business stickers have been ordered. In October, an e-blast will go out for all current members to renew. New residents will receive info. Goal is 100% renewals. An incentive for early renewal-One \$10 prize awarded in Oct-Dec to an early renewal. Need to reach out to attract young families. Programs or events for kids?

Cemetery tour-On Columbus Day weekend.

Publicity:

421 likes on Facebook-increasing each month. Lots of publicity done for Cemetery tour. Chet's book is being advertised. Try to "share" all W-PHS posts. Be sure to send info on events to **Peter** so he can forward to other historical societies.

Chet's Book:

Apple Crate has 15 copies. May contact the Deli about having some copies. At the next WHO meeting, Perry may have an exchange with other historical societies. Books also at Nan's gallery.

Newsletter: Looking great! Next issue is Nov/Dec.

Archives:

Items for deaccessioning-17 scrapbooks which are not connected to Williamson. Irene/Julie move we deaccession these scrapbooks. 8 ayes,4 nays, 1abstention. Suggested that in future, lists be provided in advance of proposed deaccessioning items.

Property/Grounds:

Grounds on break till leaf raking. Dehumidifier in house basement needs replacing. **Sue-Jane** will get one. Pressure relief valve on the water heater in GH basement has been replaced. Door jamb at house has been replaced.

Annual Meeting:

Nov 8th. Synopsis reports from committees need to go to **Recording Sec.** by end of October.

Committees for 2018 are being expanded as needed. Volunteer of the Year for 2017 is a tie. Two awards will be given.

Burned Over: Play was a success, well attended and positive feedback.

Budget 2018:

There will be a meeting in Nov. after a week or so after the annual meeting. Submit budget needs to **Deb Parts** via e-mail by Nov 8th.

Grants:

Wayne Co. Antique Dealers will offer a grant. Lenore suggested getting the Cuyler paintings repaired. Mark DeCracker has a video featuring local people which could be converted to digital. Also the St. Peter video could be converted to digital. Send **Sandy** the cost of any grant projects by late October.

Gift Shop:

Inventory has been updated in house and also on Facebook. \$1495 in sales in 2017. Any sales **must** include details on **exactly** what was sold. For example: not just tee-shirt but which tee shirt. Not just book, but book title. Also seller should initial each sales slip.

Programs: Nov. 8th will be a Youth Theater preview. First Sunday in December is the Illumination.

Cornwall Dedication: Was excellent and well attended.

Thanks to Julie for her service as Treasurer.

Adjourned: 9:02pm - Perry/Lorraine

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Parmelee, Rec. Sec